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In re application of

Chiara TONELLI et al.

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CASSETTE FOR NUCLEIC ACID EXPRESSION IN PLANTS

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents October 14, 2008 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of June 11, 2008, the period for response having been extended by one month to October 11, 2008 by Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant herein provides the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this response.